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Dear Paul:

My belated personal thanks to you for your organization of the last Mid-Career Course briefing. As usual, in the final class critique the CIA briefings were noted as being among the most rewarding elements of the course.

Let me confirm in writing that we plan to bring the current group to you for similar orientation on Monday and Tuesday, the 8th and 9th of December. Clearances will reach you sometime prior to that date. You may be concerned to note that the proportion of officers of Grade 6 is relatively higher in the current class than has been the case recently. Let me assure you that this is under urgent review here, and that, at least until such time as the accepted criteria for assignment are officially changed, the character and objectives of the course remain the same.

In connection with the next series of briefings, I should like to propose a change of emphasis in two of our subjects if this can be practicably arranged. First, I might suggest that in lieu of a detailed analysis of the British organization a period be devoted to an overall assessment of the intelligence organizations of the free world with relatively less on their internal structure and perhaps more on an evaluation of the support which they offer to us. Secondly, I think it might be appropriate to put a little more emphasis on the subject of counter intelligence, and, specifically, on the support role which the Foreign Service officer may be able to play in terms of his normal or his unusual contacts with representatives of the Soviet bloc. This might include also some appropriate advice on the extent to which members of the Foreign Service are intelligence targets, supplemented by a few pointers on self defense.

Sincerely yours,

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